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DECEMBER 7TH

ON LOCAL LYCEUM COURSE

MR. AND MRS. GLEN WELLS

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wells have scored tremendous successes by the presentation of a complete two or three-act play as a part of their interesting programs.

They have been particularly fortunate in having written exclusively for them by Herbert Thomas, the eminent English playwright, who wrote the melodramatic success, "Under Orders," two plays which are sure-fire "hits." One of these is "Anonement," a three-act drama, and the other, "The Come Back," written in two acts.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells will present, if desired, a new play, "Discontent," written by Mr. Thomas.

Wherever these plays have been given by Mr. and Mrs. Wells they have invariably been hailed with the greatest enthusiasm, not only because of their remarkable intrinsic interest, but also for the splendid manner in which they are presented.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells have had over fifteen years' successful experience together as Lyceum entertainers. They are both excellent interpreters of dramatic sketches and



Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wells

readings, and are delightful singers as well.

When presenting one of their complete plays on a program, they will give a thirty-minute musical prelude as an introduction to the play. The prelude consists of duets, soprano and baritone solos. Opera arias given in costume are featured.

If adequate stage facilities are not available, or if specially requested to do so, Mr. and Mrs. Wells will present a miscellaneous program of readings and songs instead of the prelude and play.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells constitute one of the very best two-person companies on the platform. They have made the acting of plays with a two-person cast an art, and have built for themselves a reputation of which they may be justly proud.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells will present their program at the Michelson Memorial church.

HURON LAKE SHORE FRONTAGE BRINGS BIG PRICE

A syndicate of Bad Axe business men has purchased one-half mile of the Kinch-shore property at Grindstone City. The property includes the Kinch home and other building. The price paid was not made public, but was understood to be large.

ROSCOMON COUNTY SCHOOLS

RECEIVE \$1500 PRIZE MONEY

Frank L. Dykema of Grand Rapids Makes Presentation, Money Will Go for Play Ground Equipment

(From Roscomon Herald-News)

A meeting of the teachers of the county was held at the court house last Saturday, November 13.

At noon a chicken dinner was served to the teachers at the Roscomon hotel at which Mr. Dykema of Grand Rapids was the guest of honor. Mr. Dykema had made the trip from Grand Rapids for the purpose of presenting to the schools of the county the thousand-dollar prize offered by the Good Citizenship committee and an additional five hundred dollar check given by the Holland Furnace Co., both of Grand Rapids. The prizes had been offered to the county showing the greatest percentage of increase in the number of votes polled in the 1925 primary election over that cast in 1924. A special prize, a beautiful gold-fringed flag, was also presented to the county.

In presenting the two checks, Mr. Dykema stressed the fact that there were no strings connected to the gift except that the money was to be used to "make the kids of Roscomon county happy."

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RENEW DEMANDS FOR

RELIEF FOR FARMER

Envoys of 8 Northern and 6 Southern States Urge Action by Congress.

St. Louis, Mo.—Renewed demand for congress to produce legislation for the relief of agriculture is contained in a declaration of principles announced by representatives of six southern and six northern states at a meeting here.

The "farm surplus control" plan, which is the basis of the new McNary-Haugen bill, was one of the measures. Chief of the steps advocated in the conference declaration is the creation of a federal farm board possessing power to deal with certain farm products. If surplus of basic farm products are found to be depressing the price below the cost of production, and providing growers of the commodities affected are sufficiently organized on a co-operative basis, the board would have authority to order the co-operatives to take control of such surpluses. Producers would bear the cost of distribution under such a plan.

The price, the statement proceeds, would not be determined by either the governor or governing board but the co-operative, like any other industry, would study all conditions and sell at values consistent with profit.

In this regard, points of similarity are noted with respect to the McNary-Haugen and another proposal. One of the chief points of one measure suggests cutting of an equalization fee from all producers involved at the processing point, such as the mill, or the case of cotton. Under the McNary-Haugen house bill now pending, it is provided that the government may anticipate the collection of such "equalization fee" by borrowing from banks, the money to be returned when collections are made.

The conference urges members of the house and senate to "immediately consider" farm legislation for presentation to the congressional session in December. Members of both houses, who had worked and voted for agricultural legislation at the last session, were commended and pledged support. On the other hand opponents to farm aid through federal legislation were criticized.

One of the outstanding points in the declaration is a demand for a permanent program for cotton. President Coolidge's proposal for removal of 4,000,000 bales from the market was condemned as "only a temporary expedient." Other important points to the statement include the following:

Need for removal of unfair or excessive tariffs that "at present shelter price-fixing monopolies such as steel, aluminum and chemicals."

Plan for constructive aid of thought, fun, and

Warning to labor that continued exodus of men from the farms may sooner or later result in a demoralizing oversupply of labor.

Explanation that the cotton crisis was due to lack of facilities in handling the surplus portion of the crop.

A promise to consumers that crop price stabilization would ultimately mean a saving to them because of contraction in the spread of prices brought about by the co-operatives.

Plans to Probe Graft

In Army and Navy Game

Washington.—Representative Hamilton Fish, Jr. (Rep., N. Y.), has announced his intention to demand a congressional investigation into a reported scandal in the disposition of desirable tickets to the Army-Navy football game in Chicago.

Mr. Fish has not decided whether to seek the appointment of a special committee or to lay his charges, in definite or yet, before the house military affairs committee. His announcement comes as a climax to the grumbling of senators, congressmen, and others who have been complaining that instead of their usual allotment of six tickets to the game only four were received this year.

Mr. Fish declares he has information that the secretaries of some senators and congressmen have obtained tickets in the names of their employers and turned them over to speculators, who are reselling them at prices ranging from \$25 to \$50 apiece.

The proposed investigation, according to Representative Fish, should include current charges that Chicago politicians cornered blocks of the tickets and sold them to scalpers, who in turn have sent them to Washington and other eastern cities for sale at high prices.

Train Kills Woman, 104

Pittsburgh, Pa.—The life of a 104-year-old woman, Mrs. Agatha Rasmussen, a native of Lithuania, was crushed out by a shuttle railroad locomotive at a crossing here.

California Post Laureate Dead

San Francisco, George Sterling, post laureate of California and a distinguished figure in American literature, was found dead in his bachelor rooms under conditions which city authorities declared pointed plainly to suicide.

League to Call Parley

Geneva.—The economic preparatory committee of the League of Nations approved plans for an international economic conference here May 4, 1927.

Thanksgiving



SCHOOL NOTES

Editors: Janice Bailey, Edward Mason, Ethel Taylor.

A representative of the Curtis Publishing company visited school last week and introduced a plan of selling magazines to help our Athletic Association.

The assembly room is divided into three groups: the blues, the greens, and the reds. They are competing to see who will sell the most subscriptions. Lebrand Harder was appointed sales manager with Lacey Stephan, Ada Kidston and Helen Schumann as managers of the different teams.

The Athletic Association receives fifty cents for every subscription sold.

Basket Ball

The inter-class tournament of last Wednesday and Thursday ended the basketball season for the coming year. Every class from the sixth to the seniors were represented. The schedule of games played is:

1—Tenth grade 10, sixth grade 14.

2—Eleventh grade 12, eighth grade 7.

3—Sixth grade 11, eleventh grade 4.

4—Ninth grade 12, seventh grade 6.

5—Ninth grade 6, twelfth grade 8.

Winners of games 5 and 3 played to determine the championship, which resulted in the Seniors being victorious, and they were acclaimed the champions. Score: sixth grade 16, twelfth grade 10.

The sixth grade has a fine team. They were especially well trained in passing. Rudolph Harrison and Elmer Fenton played especially well.

In one game Elmer Fenton made thirteen of the fourteen points. Size alone kept this team from winning the tournament.

The senior team, winners of the tournament played a good game and are promising material for the high school team of the coming season. Norval Stephan and Verle Sheldon were the stars for this team.

Other stars of the tournament were E. Lovely, F. Brady, freshmen; W. Harrison, Elms Daugherty, seventh grade; Clement Blaine Carl Sherman, eighth grade.

In the championship game between the Seniors and the sixth grade a ten minute overtime period was played. The score being 6 to 6 at the end of the game. In the overtime the seniors gained two field baskets.

Carl L. "Did you ever take a Carlsbad mud-bath?"

Nobby S. "No, but I played in a Gaylord football game once."

If the lamb tried to follow Mary nowadays it would have to get a move on it.

"The modern girl's hair looks like a mop," says a critic. But that doesn't worry her, she doesn't know what a mop looks like.

Grayling High School Loses Debate to Alba

Debate of Grayling High met in a close contest Friday, when they debated at Alba. The Alba team upheld the affirmative side of the question: "Resolved that the United States should own the coal mines."

The decision given by the judges Mr. Mills and Mr. Lynch of Mancelona, and Mr. Kitson of Boyne Falls, was in favor of the affirmative. Alba receiving two votes and Grayling one.

Much praise is due the team, which is the first inter-scholastic debating team Grayling has had in three years. The speaking and rebuttal works of the team were excellent, and had they not met a more experienced team there is no doubt but that we would have carried the high score.

The negative team consisting of Amos Hunter, Ethel Taylor and George Schroeder with Earle Gierke as substitute based their speeches upon government "red tape," previous government inefficiency in industrial enterprises, in business and graft.

The affirmative consisted of Miss Margaret Lather, Miss Ruth Fuller and Mr. Coon. They maintained that private monopoly and success in other government propositions was serious enough argument for government ownership. They also introduced a plan of leases to the private owner though the government own the property.

Miss Supernaui acted as timekeeper for the Grayling team.

Miss Supernaui: "What was George

Washington noted for?"

Verle S. "His memory."

Miss S. "What makes you think his memory was so great?"

Verle: "They erected a monument to it."

Helen: "Do you play the piano by note or by ear?"

Margrethe: "I get it down and play it by brute strength."

Notice

Anyone having any colored tabs given out for selling magazines, please contribute to editors of school column.

Edwards Mason

BIG OTSEGO COUNTY DEVELOPMENT

The Heart Lake Development Company at Detroit has initiated a resort and club development on Heart Lake in Otsego county, according to the Otsego County Herald Times which has just the appearance of one of the largest projects of the kind in northern Michigan. The property is the old Stephens farm, which contains the largest barn structure in Michigan.

The huge barn will be remodeled into a club house, containing more than one hundred rooms. Sales of lots, which includes memberships in the club, have been made. Thousands of acres of land have been purchased and added to the original holdings. The lake is said to be one of the most beautiful bodies of inland water in the state.

The location of the club is exceptionally good, being on thirty-four miles south of Otsego Lake. Scores of lakes are within short distances of the development project.

Uncle Billy Gamester is busy figuring out how much rebate he would get next March on his income tax if he were worth a million dollars.

DAD WAS PERSONAL

She—Dad says you have no means of support.

He—It's mean of him to comment on my personal appearance.

ACCOMMODATING

"Judge, Jes' gimme a little time and I'll explain."

"All right, ten days. Next case!"

KISS WAS A DREAM

She—How dare you dream that I would kiss you!

He—Well, I saw you kiss another girl the other day—and surely that's worse.

Principal Events In Grayling 25 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 25 YEARS AGO.

Thursday, November 25, 1926

Martin Dyer and family are gladly entertaining his mother from Chesaning.

Mrs. Woodworth's milliner, Miss Mevis will leave for her home in Lansing next week Tuesday, Dec. 3.

T. A. Carney had a fire in the drying room of his laundry at Holly last week. We have not learned the damage.

School closed Thursday afternoon and Friday and the school flag was at half mast as a token of respect to the late Joseph Patterson, who was the school director.

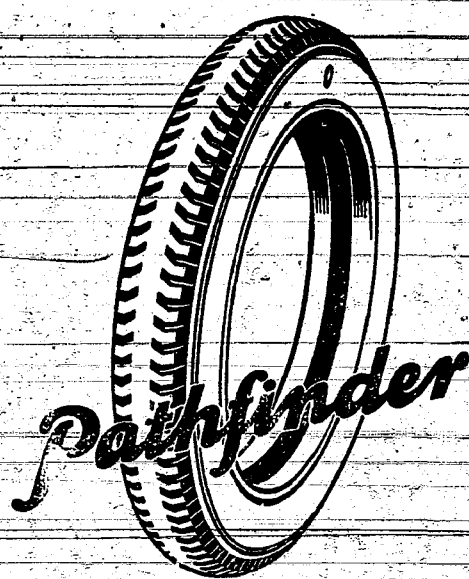
J. Redhead and C. Amidon took a boat with over eight tons of machinery and two thousand feet of lumber down the river Saturday for the new mill near the North Branch.

Mrs. T. A. Carney and the children left on the afternoon train Tuesday for their home in Holly. Their going is regretted by a host of friends.

Our football team are being covered with glory. Last Friday they beat the Cheboygan club on the grounds here 22 to 0. The return game will be played at Cheboygan today, Thanksgiving.

W. B. Covert brought out his second party of hunters from near the ranch last Friday. Lack of snow makes it poor hunting and most of them have enough by the time they get their first deer.</

AGAIN WE ARE FIRST TO Reduce Prices!



Goodyear Tire Prices Reduced

We take great pleasure in announcing a substantially reduced schedule of prices on the complete Goodyear line of Tires and Tubes. As a result we are prepared to supply you with Goodyear All-Weathers, Goodyear built Pathfinders and your size in a Goodyear Tube at a figure which sets a new measure of equipment value. Come in and get our new low price on your size.

Alfred Hanson Service Station

WOMAN'S CLUB NOTES

The Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. Zina Peterson Monday evening.

The Club is studying the book, "One Hundred and One Famous Poems," by some of the foremost authors.

Miss Beatrice Cottle was director of the evening and gave a very interesting discussion and explanation of "Shakespeare's 'That Time of Year'." "Moonlight" and "Mercy" from Hamlet and very ably explained it. Miss Hazel Cassidy read, "Out to Old Aunt Mary's" by James Whitcomb Riley.

LOVELLS NEWS

The Pedro club had a lovely time Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike McCormick. First prizes were won by Mrs. Dr. Tupper of Redford and Roy Pappas of Conso. Prizes were given to Mrs. Alfred Newhouse and E. Kellogg. Jacob Henry of Saginaw, Tom Smith of Ann Arbor and Mr. Snyder are spending the hunting season at Bill cabin.

Dewey Mann has returned to his home at Flint. A fine time was had at the box social and dance Friday evening. It was well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Butler of Lansing spent a few days with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Caid. Jacob Henry, who is staying at the Bill cabin shot a fine deer.

Mr. Ben Woulesner and George French of Saginaw have returned to their homes. Al Titts of Kent City, who spent the week here hunting has returned.

home. North Ryker of Midland is here hunting. Clyde Lee of Midland is here for a few days.

WHAT MICHIGAN NEEDS.

What Michigan most needs now is a definite, adequate state forest plan, looking to the establishment of public forests commensurate with the situation that has to be met. It needs a definite plan for the acquisition and consolidation of forest lands by tax condemnation or by purchase or by exchange. It needs a definite plan for the organization of forests in units of sufficient size to make their administration economical and efficient.

Such a program should look over a term of years, aiming at well defined objectives as to forest areas, forest development through planting, etc., and forest service to industry, to recreation and to public well-being.

William B. Greeley, Chief Forester, U. S. Forest Service.

OPPORTUNITY COLUMN

LOST—22 SPECIAL Marland Rifle, between Grayling and Roscommon, near Horrigan Hill. Return to Dave Horning, Grayling. Reward, 11-18-26.

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WANTED TO TRADE—50 ACRES land in Florida for Grayling property. Box 132, Berrien Springs, Mich. 11-18-26

FOUND—A HAMMER. Owner may claim same at Avalanche office.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1926

SCHOOL OPERETTA MAGIC WOOD

The date of the operetta "The Magic Wood" to be given by the school has been changed again, and will be given on Wednesday evening, December 1st. Following is the story of the play and the cast:

Story of the Play

A group of girls enjoying a picnic are startled by the appearance of some mischievous boys, who seize the provisions, etc., and leave the girls. The Fairy Sunbeam appears, and decides to punish the boys by casting a magic spell over them. The fairies insist that the spell cannot be broken until the boys repent. The boys are given a chance to do some kind act thus breaking the spell.

Cast of Characters

Mischievous boys—Tommy Tucker, Milford Parker, Jack Horner, Lyle Smith, Simon Simple, Jack Zeder, Johnny Green, Kenneth Gauthro, Willie Winkie, Woodrow Fitzpatrick.

Robin a Bobbin—Carl Englund.

And chorus of boys.

School girls—Dorothy Roberts, Betty Blue, Nadine McKeven, Nanny Ebbrecht, Viola Kennedy, Jenny Wren, Mildred Speck, Bessy Bell, Romaine Baughn, Mary Gray, Mary Murphy.

And chorus of girls.

Fairy Sunbeam—Norma Wheeler.

Attendant fairies—Joyce Smith, Gail Walsh.

And chorus of Sunbeams.

The admission is 15 and 25 cents.

WOMAN'S CLUB CARD PARTY BIG SUCCESS

The Woman's club entertained at a bridge and five hundred party last week Thursday evening at Shoppenagons Inn. The money was raised for the purpose of replenishing the civic fund of the club to carry on their work in aiding the community. A fine crowd attended.

During the evening the crowd was given a treat, when Miss Grace Hood, physical education instructor in our schools, and Miss Jane Keyport gave a clever clog dance, accompanied by Miss Thana Smith at the piano. They responded to an encore which was generously applauded.

The prizes were decks of cards, and bridge prizes were won by Mrs. Claude Keyport and Mr. O. P. Schumann, and five hundred prizes by Mrs. Harry Ham and Mr. Nick Schlotz.

During the evening playing cards



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Miss Mabel G. Shipley of the Avalanche force is spending a three weeks vacation in Detroit, Grand Rapids and Bellaire.

Mrs. George Schaible was taken to the Ann Arbor hospital Tuesday night for medical attention. She is in a serious anemic condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Smock are happy over the arrival of a son born Tuesday morning, Nov. 23 at Mercy hospital, while Mr. Smock's sister, Mrs. Leo Gannon, presented her husband with a son Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bauman left Saturday to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter, Mrs. Walter E. Woodson, Jr. at Chapel Hill, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hewitt and little son of Detroit are spending Thanksgiving with Mrs. Hewitt's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fletcher at the Military reservation.

Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert returned from Mount Pleasant Friday, and were accompanied back by Mrs. Clippert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Webb who will remain for the winter.

Michigan Happenings

A new electric circuit of the Michigan United Light & Power Co., closing the 110-mile gap between Ludington and Elk Rapids, was opened recently when Commissioner William McGuire of Ludington, threw a switch in the company's plant. This line marks the completion of a continuous system starting at Whitall, then north to Mackinaw, east to Cheboygan and south down the center of the state to Grayling. Simultaneously, a Cheboygan executive threw another switch, putting 537 miles of wire into use in North eastern Michigan.

An attempt will be made to convert Cull Lake in Kalamazoo county into a migratory bird refuge, similar to the one established at Kingsville, Ont., by Jack Miner, by W. K. Kellogg of Battle Creek, who owns a large estate on the shore of the lake. This estate will eventually go to Battle Creek with an endowment for its upkeep. The consent of every landowner at the lake will be asked to make it a game preserve, and a special act of the Legislature will then be sought to prevent shooting in the vicinity.

King Benjamin Purnell, notorious head of the Torrelle House of David at Benton Harbor, sought for four years by the police of three continents to answer to charges preferred by anti-members of the cult, was captured recently in a raid by state police on the buildings of the colony. Following his arrest he was immediately rushed to the Berrien county jail, and subsequently has been released on bail. Rewards totaling \$4,000 had been posted for Benjamin's capture.

An economist was that has been leaving for months between motor bus operators broke out recently, when the officials of lines operating between Detroit and Toledo slashed the price of tickets. Most of the passenger coaches leaving Detroit were placarded with signs proclaiming that they had been declared and announced that the price of tickets had been reduced from \$1.50 to 25 or 30 cents, one way, and from \$2.50 to 50 or 99 cents round trip.

Ralph Heaslip, 32 years old, of Rattle Run, fireman for the Morton Salt Company at Marysville, died recently as the result of fatal burns received when he was buried under a pile of hot ashes at the salt plant. Heaslip had gone into the ash hopper room under the boilers without notifying other workmen, which it is stated is one of the rules of the concern. Another attendant dumped the hot ashes onto the unsuspecting fireman. His body was a mass of burns.

Sister Mary Dorothea, of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, died at St. Mary's convent in Monroe recently. She was 89 years old and had been a member of the community 61 years. She was not only one of the oldest members of the community but was also one of the oldest residents of Monroe county, having been born in La Salle township in 1837. Her name before becoming a religious was Archange Jordan.

The Detroit-Toledo-Ironton railroad company has started operating its passenger trains with electric motors. The cars are longer than the usual passenger cars and have a compartment for baggage. Henry Ford, Detroit automobile manufacturer, is the owner of the road. It is understood that the whole road will be electrified in time, probably as soon as the new cut-off from Durbin, Mich., and Maingia, Ohio, is finished.

Under provisions of an ordinance given its first reading at Pontiac recently, all wiring on business streets of the city must be carried underground in conduits, and conversion of existing aerial lines to the conduit type will have to be effected within seven years, if the ordinance is finally approved. No overhead wires of any description may be strung in the restricted area under the ordinance.

Two members of a party of Detroit hunters, paid \$421 in fines and costs recently when arraigned in Justice Fred W. Beck's court at Newberry, following their arrest by conservation officers for being illegally in possession of venison. There rifles were confiscated.

For the third time in a year and the second time in 24 hours, 7-year-old James Price of Grand Rapids, was injured recently when struck by an automobile. All three accidents occurred at the same corner. He was not seriously hurt.

The 50,000 deer hunting licenses printed for this year have been exhausted and 8,000 licenses not sold last year, were re-dated and mailed to distributors, according to an announcement by John Baird, director of the State Department of Conservation. This does not mean that there were 58,000 deer hunters in Michigan this year, as undoubtedly many licenses on hand at certain distributing points were not sold. Last year 41,825 hunting licenses were sold.

Conflict between the Highway Motorbus Company and Interstate Stages regarding motor bus operation between Detroit and Ann Arbor, was settled by the Public Utilities Commission in an order recently providing for half hour service between the two cities. Each company had asked authority to use additional equipment and each had opposed the application of the other. The commission granted both applications. It indicated that it will permit one company to run out of Detroit hourly on the hour, and the other to run on the half hour.

Under the leveling auspices of the American Legion, "a service of tolerance," probably without parallel in the history of Michigan, was held at Port Huron recently. A flagpole, donated to the First Methodist Episcopal church by Jacob S. Goldman, prominent local Jew, was dedicated by Monsignor Patrick R. Dunigan, world war Catholic Chaplain of Flint. The flag used was presented to the church by the Port Huron Ku Klux Klan. It was hoisted to the top of the pole by Archibald S. Wayner, Negro veteran of the world war.

Perhaps the most highly prized "relic" on display at Michigan State College is a plain black fountain pen, which reposes on a velvet cushioned case on exhibition in the main corridor of the new library building. The pen, a carefully worded label informs the reader, was that used by Governor Grossbeck in signing the bill which made Michigan Agricultural College "Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Science."

Following wrecking operations covering a period of several weeks, actual work has been started on the \$5,000,000 theatre and office building for William Fox, of the Fox Film Corporation. The foundations to be laid provide for the erection of a 19-story structure. The theatre itself will cost in excess of \$2,500,000. It is stated seating 5,000 people, and will be one of the finest edifices of its kind in Detroit.

Oakland County deputy sheriffs have been unable to find the dog, which recently destroyed a flock of 21 thoroughbred sheep owned by Edwin S. George of Pontiac, and passed on his country estate in Bloomfield Township. A search was made of the neighborhood, but no dog could be located that showed any indications of participating in the slaughter.

A coroner's inquest was held recently at Grand Haven to investigate the cause of the accidental death of Harry Anderson, 23, of Spring Lake. Anderson was fatally injured by the propeller of a boat on which he was a guest, when he fell into the water from the dock. The tragedy occurred as the 38 foot boat was heading into Lake Michigan from the harbor.

Roy E. Colner, a shoe salesman of Clare, claims the egg-eating champion of Michigan by reason of having eaten 33 soft boiled and raw eggs at one meal recently and winning his wager from Rex Carrier, of Clare. The contest took place at a restaurant in the presence of a large number of customers. Colner ate toast and drank milk with the eggs.

Old age has not brought with it the accustomed infirmities to Mr. and Mrs. August Kinde, after whom the village of Kinde is named. The couple, both 70 years old, took part in the recent migration for northern Michigan to join the hundreds of hunters who will seek deer. They were accompanied by their son-in-law and daughter.

Estimates made by woodsmen at Houghton, placed the number of Lower Michigan and Wisconsin deer hunters in Ontonagon, Keweenaw, Baraga and Houghton counties at 8,000. The invading army was said to be the largest in years. The sale of licenses among local hunters at Houghton this year also was unusual large.

Charles H. Rogers, 88 years old, a life long resident of Albion, and believed to have been the oldest Mason in the state from the standpoint of continuous membership in the same lodge, died recently in Charlotte and was buried with Masonic honors. He had been a member of Murat Lodge No. 14 of Albion for more than 61 years.

Michigan's 1927 automobile license plates will be of the same colors as those of Illinois, Georgia and North Dakota—orange and black. Plates of almost the same color—yellow and black—will be displayed by cars in the District of Columbia, New York, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Wyoming.

Officers at Selfridge Field near MacClemens, received word recently from the war department that an additional appropriation of \$750,000 may be obtained at the next session of congress. An appropriation of \$750,000 was made by the last session for permanent buildings for the field. In addition to the permanent buildings, it is proposed to raise the level of the field about three feet. Sand sucker, operating in Lake St. Clair, will furnish material for raising the field.

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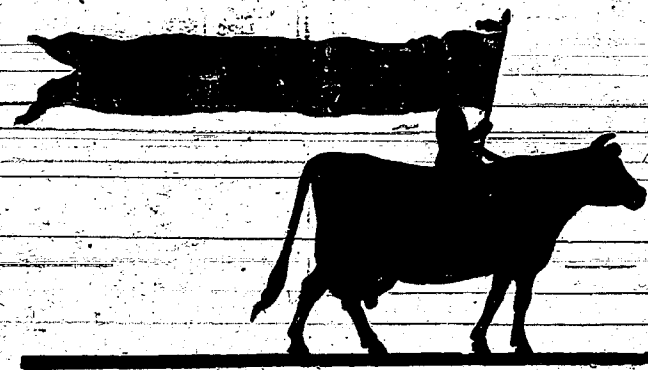
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Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. Bailey, Co. Agricultural Agent



What Name for the Farm?

Why name the farm? What good will it do? We might answer this question by asking another: Since we name our horses and our cows, why not name our homes? Our homes, and especially our farm homes, which seem almost a sacred spot, screened from a sometimes all-too-curious world, become to us more than merely a place of abode. They seem almost a part of ourselves, especially if we, or our fathers, have lived long upon the same spot. Or it may be that a young couple is establishing a new home. As they plan and plan, and pay, unconsciously but surely working into the place their own personalities, it is natural and well that they should come to want to give it a name, that it may mean still more to them, and, as the years go by, to their children.

There are many reasons why the farm should have a name. The farm name, promotes pride, appeals to the sentiment, lends dignity, fosters individuality, is valuable as a means of identification, and is a real business asset.

It is surprising how rapidly and how generally farm names become known. The public is quick to familiarize itself with these names, especially if the owner puts on the barn or front fence, or over the front gate a neat sign bearing the farm name, as we see a few in our county.

"Elm View Farm," on the arch over the front gate on the Wm. G. Feldhauser farm, certainly appeals to the eye.

Somewhere, on every box, basket, crate, package, can of milk or cream, package of butter or cottage cheese, should be stamped, stenciled or printed the farm name. If, for instance, a farmer is working to build up a trade in country hams, somewhere on each ham or on the package in which it is delivered, the farm name should be printed or stenciled. The same is true of choice eggs or butter. This is especially true in Crawford county in which our farmers have such a good chance to supply the large number of tourists and resorters.

We have no doubt that select goods, put up in neat packages, bearing the farm name would bring more sales to tourists and resorters in summer, but would open up large winter sales by parcels post to these same people.

Choosing the Farm Name

Taste and ability should be shown in choosing the farm name. It should be appropriate and expressive, beauty, dignity and individuality. Never should it be such as to cheapen the place. Those who named their farms "Grindstone Ridge" or "Possum Hollow" did not strain their thinkers very hard. The name should dignify and endear. "Home Acres" or "Middlebrook" would have been better. A family named Shipp cleverly named their cottage on Oscego Lake "The Mounting." Another cottage there, graciously named her summer home "Heart's Desire." "Lurkins Keep-sake Farm" is widely known in southwestern Michigan as the home of the Lurkins family for several generations.

Advertising the Farm

We never knew a family to select an appropriate name for the farm without feeling new pride in that farm, and in the behavior of the family. All of us farmers should not only put up a neat farm sign, but should have envelopes and letter-paper bearing the farm name in small, neat, refined type. We have seen farm letter heads that were fairly coarse and blatant on account of type selected being more suitable for auction bills. Having envelopes and paper neatly printed with the farm name, the postoffice and the proprietor's name is not "too fine" for "too fine haired." It denotes self respect. More and more we farmers need to write letters, and should write them well, on choice stationery. Such letters denote the man more than some think. A farmer is a manufacturer. Other manufacturers would not last long if their advertising letters looked like some that we farmers send out.

The writer of this column has, more than once, refused to look farther into the merits of blooded pigs, cows, bulls, heifers and calves as well as seed grains, because of the appearance of the man on the street, his team and wagon or of his letter. One knows instinctively that a man whose appearance is such, or if his rig is such, or his correspondence, is so slovenly, cannot possibly have anything of real quality to sell.

Crawford County Farm Names
Already some of our neighbors have selected farm names. We print this list as a starter, not claiming that it is absolutely without omissions. We hope to hear soon from those whose names are omitted. We think it is altogether too modest for a farmer to say, when asked to name the farm, "I'll name it when I get things looking better." Name the farm and live up to the name.

The Names
Cosmopolitan Farm—E. J. Richards.
Westgate Farm—Richard Babbitt.
Bonnie Brae—H. A. McMillan.
Edgewater-on-Ausable—Mrs. John G. Stephan, Sr.
Woodlawn Farm—Wm. A. Dixon.
Oak Grove Farm—Charles Corwin.
Edgewood Farm—A. J. Nelson.
Oak Ridge Farm—Elmer Ostrander.
Wash-ka-in—Dan Babbitt.
Blackwood—J. A. Sietens.
Kilgore Farm—Myrtle J. Wright.
Longview Farm—John Fletcher.
Willow Valley Farm—Wm. Floest-ers.
South Branch Ranch—Harry Soud-ers.



Christmas Problem Solved by a Cook

IT WAS his first Christmas in the city. He could not afford to go home, nor could he have gone if he had had the money. He was clerk in a store, and had to work Christmas Eve till ten o'clock. The last train for his home town left at three in the afternoon. And there was no use going up on Christmas day for just an hour; five hours each way on the train, total fare over ten dollars, for one hour at home; one-third of a week's pay! No, that would be extravagance. So he had sent his mother two pink silk nightgowns as a solace for his first absence from home on Christmas day. He thought the nightgowns would delight her; she had never had a silk one, and from the way that silk ones were displayed in the city shops, he was sure they were the thing to wear. The night gowns he had sent her, the hankies he had sent his sisters, and the ties for his brothers, had completely emptied his pockets. He always had been generous, but he enjoyed depriving himself for the happiness of others. His generosity this time, however, had gone too far, for he had nothing left with which to buy a gift for Mrs. Addison.

Mrs. Addison was a young widow whom he had met recently in the city. She was a very beautiful woman, and he had been most kind to her. He had already been to her small apartment several times to have supper with her and her jolly, foreign-acting father, and sometimes they had all gone to a "movie" together afterwards. But she had never let him pay for their tickets, and he had never done anything to recompense her for her kindness to him.

"Your companionship is all we want, dad and I," is what she always said, and he believed her. But he really wanted to take her something nice for Christmas. If only he had kept one of the nightgowns he had sent his mother. But no, that would have been too pretentious and too personal. He must give her something very beautiful, to be sure, but nothing extravagant, even if he could. She wouldn't like that. What was he to do?

For lunch the day before Christmas he had a sandwich and a soda at a drug store. That left him 20 minutes to gaze longingly in the shop windows on the avenue. Such pretty things he thought he had never seen before—jewelry, clothing, novelties for the delight of women. They seemed just made for Mrs. Addison. But a dollar was all the money he could spare, and what could you get for that?

The bondlump he wanted cost five dollars, the best set of nightgowns, and even a decent box of candy would be two dollars and a half.

The jeweler's clerk warned him he must get back to work, so wearily he turned the corner and hurried to his own store to no grudgingly dole out to others the things he could not buy himself for her.

That night he returned to his room empty-handed and mournful. But his fatigue was so great, sleep soon overtook his sorrow.

It was his Christmas morning when he awoke, but there was still time to slick himself up and get to Mrs. Addison's for breakfast at eleven. How original of her to invite him for Christmas breakfast; and at eleven, too! He appreciated those extra hours of sleep. She certainly was a dear.

Breakfast at eleven! Why, that meant he would not have to eat again till night, and then just a simple supper. And THAT meant he saved the price of a Christmas dinner—another dollar! But two dollars—what could he do with that, and all the stores closed? His enthusiasm waned as quickly as it came. And then, suddenly, his eyes saw the beautiful flowers he was watering. They were paper white narcissus he had bought a few weeks before at the "five and ten." The four bulbs and the bowl had cost only a quarter, and here they were with two beautiful sprays of fragrant bloom and one fat bud just ready to break its covering. Their fragrance filled the room. Their beauty would grace any home, yes, even hers. His Christmas shopping problem was solved. He would buy some candy at the corner drug store, and give it with the flowers he had grown himself. Oh, what a jolly breakfast party they would have!

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An Ill Omen

In the Balkans it is believed that to die on Christmas Day is of ill omen as regards one's place in the after-death life.

A Christmas Dish

Kais baked and rolled in laurel-leaf are a favorite Christmas dish in Italy.

It May Be

It is said that the first saxophone was brought to America in 1856. Of course it may be only a coincidence that the Civil war broke out soon afterwards.—Passing Show, London.

First Shah to Travel

The first Persian shah to visit Europe was Nasser-ed-Din, who was ruler of Persia from 1848 to 1896. He made two visits to the capitals of Europe, one in 1878 and a second in 1889.

Salt in Illinois

Saline county, Illinois, derives its name from the fact that the earliest settlers in the district made great quantities of salt by boiling down the water from the salt wells there.

Youths Condemned to Seclusion in Boyhood

The boys of the Solomon Islands after a few years are taken from their mothers and they are not seen again by any woman until they reach manhood. In the meantime they are completely segregated and dire punishment is threatened to any women who try to see them for any reason.

The origin and reason for this custom is not satisfactorily explained. During this period the boys are used for Bonto fishing and when they leave and return in the boats to that part of the island which is given over to them they are religiously covered with fiber mats, which completely hide them from fear that some prying female might try to spy on them.

There is really no danger, for the women believe that the spirits will see them and deal out some terrible punishment. They are so fearful of this fate that they all take to their huts at the time of the departure and return of the boys. This fishing is looked upon as a sacred ceremony or duty.

When a certain period has elapsed there is a big feast and the boys are led to the village with a great ceremony and in poun and state they are revealed to the women. After this the boys take up their residence in the village in common with other members of the tribe.—Exchange.

Boys "Put One Over" on Unsuspecting Dad

One Saturday a small boy asked his father for a shilling to buy a rabbit. On being satisfied that a hutch was being fixed up in which to keep the rabbit, and being, also, a believer in the civilizing influence on boys of keeping pets, dad gave him the shilling.

The following Saturday a second youngster came on the same errand, and obtained a shilling. It happened to be a large family, and not wanting to display any favoritism, dad eventually gave a shilling to each of his children for the purchase of a rabbit.

One day he went out to see all these rabbits, and was surprised to find only one. He inquired of his children what they had done with their shillings. Each declared that he or she had bought a rabbit.

"Well, where are they?" he demanded. "Why, dad," explained one of the youngsters, "it was the same rabbit. We bought it from each other."—London Tit-Bits.

Reverted to Savagery

French negroes are becoming more and more savage.

French negroes and helped to plunder the estates abandoned by their owners when they fled for refuge to Paramaribo. They returned to the bush, founded settlements of their own and, augmented by fresh arrivals, proceeded to harass the plantation owners.

Efforts were made to subdue them, but without success. In 1786, after 40 years of fighting, these self-emancipated negroes finally signed a treaty of peace whereby they were given their liberty and certain territory in the colony was assigned to them. Today they also like their ancestors in Africa, unclothed except for a loin cloth, dwelling in palm-leaf huts and apparently in as savage a state as they were 200 years ago.—Travel Magazine.

Fish Age Facts

How long do fish live? Maj. F. S. Fowler in a lecture before the London Zoological society, gave some interesting data on a special study he has conducted on this subject.

An electric eel in the London zoo, it was reported, lived twelve years. A European catfish in the private aquarium of the duke of Bedford is fifty years old and shows little indication of weakness.

Other fish age figures given by Major Fowler, says a writer in Science Magazine, were: Carp, thirteen years; goldfish, twelve years; herring, four years; salmon, three years; bull frog, fifteen years; tree frog, fourteen years; female Spanish newt, fifteen years; and giant salamander, eighty-two years.

Nutmeg Production

The nutmeg is the pit or kernel of a fruit which, when ripe, looks something like a small peach. The pulp of this fruit is quite unpleasant to the taste. Inside the pulp is a red flesh known as mace—one of the most popular spices known to modern cookery. When you taste a dish flavored with mace you will know that you are eating what was once the soft red covering of a nutmeg. Nutmeg trees properly located and well cared for are remarkably prolific. In one year a single tree has been known to produce more than 2,000 nutmegs. The nutmeg blossom is white, bell-shaped, and as fragrant as it is beautiful.

Grand Instrument

It is to be hoped that we shall always have a few artists in words; otherwise we shall soon have an English language which will be as inferior to the English of the best writers as the Greek of Lucian is to the Greek of Plato. We have a glorious language, which, in the hands of Milton or Burke, is one of the grandest instruments of human speech; but like everything else, it needs keeping in repair, especially in a hustling age, when everyone reads and writes in a hurry.—William Ralph Inge, in "Lay Thoughts of a Dean."

Usually Wished on Them

Rheumatism, says an authority, is not a necessary evil. He may know his staff, but to date we haven't heard of anyone having rheumatism from choice.—Buffalo, Express.

State of Michigan

Office of the State Board of Equalization

We hereby certify that the valuation of the several counties in the State of Michigan as equalized by the State Board of Equalization at its regular session in the year, 1926, as provided by Act No. 44, of the Public Acts of 1911, as amended, is as follows:

COUNTIES	Valuation as equalized by Board of Supervisors 1926	Amount added by State Board of Equalization in 1926	Amount deducted by State Board of Equalization in 1926	Aggregate Valuation as equalized by State Board of Equalization in 1926	Percentage of State tax
Alcona	4,078,800	\$ 371,400		\$ 4,450,200	.00057719
Alcona	8,995,363	2,523,637		11,519,000	.00149485
Alcona	42,990,000	10,000,000		52,990,000	.00744497
Alcona	17,001,716		\$ 451,715	16,550,000	.00214682
Antrim	7,640,230		440,230	7,200,000	.00093358
Arenac	5,595,794	828,206		6,424,000	.00083339
Baraga	8,833,000	817,000		9,650,000	.00126463
Baraga	22,000,000	8,850,000		30,850,000	.00401411
Baraga	76,994,226	706,774		77,701,000	.01002810
Bay	5,115,310		115,310	5,000,000	.00064853
Berrien	92,106,020	15,899,980		108,006,000	.01400516
Branch	24,200,961	14,899,039		39,100,000	.00507148
Calhoun	96,217,970	34,782,030		131,000,000	.01691339
Cass	24,533,485	6,466,515		31,000,000	.00402968
Charlevoix	11,391,058	808,344		12,200,000	.00158240
Cheboygan	8,521,000	1,279,000		9,800,000	.00127111
Chippewa	26,962,159	3,587,841		30,550,000	.00396249
Clare	5,532,822	1,042,178		6,575,000	.00085281
Clinton	30,064,340	9,135,660		39,200,000	.00508445
Crawford	3,532,000		232,000	3,300,000	.00042803
Delta	19,808,965	4,441,035		24,250,000	.00314535
Dickinson	34,821,905		3,321,905	31,500,000	.00405871
Eaton	33,990,100	15,809,900		49,800,000	.00645932
Emmet	18,299,276		109,276	18,190,000	.00235855
Genesee	235,738,085		5,238,085	230,500,000	.02989703
Glavin	7,639,072	10,928		7,650,000	.00099225
Gorham	64,556,864	5,945,130		70,502,000	.00914322
Grand	1,190,000		680,000	510,000	.00066443
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Hillsdale	40,317,017	18,682,983		59,000,000	.00765261
Huron	37,547,900	8,452,100		46,000,000	.00596644
Ingham	191,674,375	8,325,625		200,000,000	.02594104
Ionia	37,537,159	8,212,841		45,750,000	.00594698
Iscos	6,872,357	977,643		7,850,000	.00101819
Iron	40,914,498	3,285,502		44,200,000	.00573297
Isabella	22,753,425	5,546,575		28,300,000	.00367066
Jackson	140,000,000		2,000,000	138,000,000	.01789332
Kalamazoo	115,776,561	21,223,439		137,000,000	.01776362
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Kent	321,081,425	5,918,575		327,000,000	.04188005
Keweenaw	12,234,231	1,765,769		14,000,000	.00181587
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Litchfield	8,539,649	300,351		8,840,000	.00114783
Macomb	114,309,281		2,308,281	112,001,000	.01452838
Manistee	17,249,734	7,241,000	249,734	17,000,000	.00220499
Marquette	63,759,000			63,759,000	.00820907
Macon	17,618,370	81,630		17,700,000	.00229378
Mechara	13,847,370	202,630		14,050,000	.00182236
Menominee	21,841,720	2,708,280		24,550,000	.00314426
Midland	10,708,730	2,391,270		13,100,000	.00170777
Missaukee	4,150,000	250,000		4,400,000	.00057020
Monroe	54,305,900	28,194,100		82,500,000	.01070068
Montcalm	33,339,500		2,739,500	30,600,000	.00394680
Montmorency	2,800,000			2,800,000	.00037225
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Newago	17,373,162	173,162		17,546,324	.00225093
Oakland	20,000,000			20,000,000	.02723232
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Ogemaw	11,140,700	3,350,300		14,500,000	.00188073
Ontonagon	10,000,000	1,700,000		11,700,000	.00151735
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Presque Isle	8,342,600	52,400		8,395,000	.00107029
Roscommon	2,666,403		691,403	1,975,000	.00256177
Saginaw	131,000,000	20,500,000		151,500,000	.01965034
Sanilac	34,712,610	13,092,390		47,805,000	.00619647
Schoolcraft	10,039,545	460,455		10,500,000	.00136191
Shiawassee	44,949,877	7,355,123		52,305,000	.00678683
St. Clair	107,275,000	1,000,000		108,275,000	.01404383
St. Joseph	35,208,500	8,041,150		43,250,000	.00560975
Tuscola	33,262,603	10,612,397		43,875,000	.00569082
Van Buren	32,000,000	7,700,000		39,700,000	.00515526
Washtenaw	96,700,381	28,739,019		125,439,400	.01627801
Wayne	4,092,395,779	754,000		4,093,149,779	.05060688
Wayne	16,764,000			16,764,000	.00207528
Totals	\$7,589,000,176	\$489,040,372	\$362,250,750	\$7,709,790,000	

GEORGE LORD,

Chairman of the State Board of Equalization.

HAROLD B. FULLER,

Secretary of the State Board of Equalization.

STATE OF MICHIGAN

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That the foregoing is a true transcript of the determination of the State Board of Equalization as filed in my office on the 17th day of August, 1926.

LYDIA of the Pines

Honor-
Willie

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THE STORY

CHAPTER I—With her baby sister, Lydia, Lydia returns from play to the little home of her impoverished father, Amos Dudley, at Lake City. Her father's friend, and her own devoted admirer, John Levine, after discussing affairs with Dudley, makes up his mind to go into politics.

CHAPTER II—Lydia, Fattene and a companion, Kent Moulton, playing by the lake, are accosted by an old woman from the nearby reservation. Lydia gives her food. Margery, small daughter of the woman, follows them. In their play Margery falls into the water. She is pulled out, unharmed but frightened. Who are you to think you've got a right to ask me? I'm just a girl. I want to be happy just a little while before I grow up. I've had too much unhappiness.

CHAPTER III—Lydia explains the accident and asserts that because Margery is considered "stuck up" she is not a popular playmate. Margery arranges for Lydia to teach Margery to swim and otherwise become "one of the crowd." Lydia takes Margery to the lake to take timber from the Indian reservation and ultimately have it opened for settlement. From an elderly boy, Billy Norton, Lydia gets a pair of wild ducks, and despite their poverty the Dudleys have a Christmas dinner.

CHAPTER IV—Patience succumbs to an attack of diphtheria, leaving Lydia feeling that her trust in God is lost and her small world has collapsed. She finds comfort in the loving kindness of John Levine. Lydia learns that a note of Amos, backed by Levine and held by Margery, has been sent to the child, pleading with Margery and for her sake he agrees to renew the note.

CHAPTER V—Grieving for the loss of little Patience, Lydia's health fails. Levine, understanding the situation, gives her a pair of wild ducks. Lydia takes to her bed, teaching the school fifteen. Lydia enters high school where she is surprised to find that the home-made dress and general appearance of poverty set her apart from her better-dressed companions. She attends a party given by her father, Miss Towne. The other girls smartly dressed, make fun of her makeshift costume.

CHAPTER VI—Lydia is elected president of a sixteen-year-old Indian boy. A sixteen-year-old Indian boy, who works down his people, mainly by his friend, Amos Levine. Lydia decides to go to the city to see John Levine. Lydia threatens and endeavors to attack him.

CHAPTER VII—Lydia is shot by an unseen assassin. Remembering that the Dudley cottage has learned the real extent of Lydia's loneliness and her wish to go to the city to see John Levine, she enters into a compact to start a search for "Gus" together. Levine, recovered, begins his campaign for Congress.

CHAPTER VIII—Lydia is unable to drive the father of Levine from her heart and despite herself her father in her old friend's shadow. The young Indian, Billy Norton, who has long realized that despite their disparity in age he is passionately in love with the young girl.

CHAPTER IX—Lydia's campaign in his campaign for Congress. Lydia earns enough money selling fudge to go to the city to see John Levine. Lydia and two school friends, Gustus Bach and a girl named Olga. Miss Olga changes them.

CHAPTER X—Walking with Kent in the woods, Lydia witnesses a meeting of Levine and some halfbreeds. Their conversation convinces Lydia that Charlie has been right in accusing Levine of plotting to rob the Indians.

CHAPTER XI—A visit from the old man whom Lydia had met in the woods also causes Charlie to tell more of Mr. Smith's and Levine's thievery. Lydia promises to talk to Levine and see if he can make a lawful protest of marriage to Lydia, who repulses him. In the end, Lydia and Levine, seeing that their methods are ineffectual and really hurt for the Indians, the girl in only half convinced.

CHAPTER XII

The High School Senior

"Years ago," began Charlie, grimly, "my father foresaw what the whites were trying to do. None of the other full-bloods believed him. Father was the chief of the tribe and he called council after council until at last they decided to head-hunters to Washington and see if he could get help from the Indian commissioner. Even then John Levine had a following of half-breeds. He told the yellow curs to kidnap my father and he'd see if he could make him more reasonable. So the half-breeds laid in ambush the day father started for Washington. Father put up an awful fight and they killed him."

"Oh, Charlie," cried Lydia, dropping her sewing. "Oh, Charlie!"

"Yes," said the Indian, tensely, "and though Levine wasn't there, he was just as much my father's murderer as if he'd fired the shot. Of course, nothing was ever done by the authorities. It was hushed up as an Indian brawl. But my sister, she was twenty then, she found out about Levine and she came in and set fire to his house one night, thinking she'd burn him to death. Instead of that, she just saved the old hired man, who was drunk. Levine was away from home. But he's a devil. He told her the only way she could keep from being jailed was to sell him all our furs for a hundred dollars. So she did, but she shot at him that Thanksgiving night when he'd been at our house."

"Oh, Charlie," whispered Lydia, horror in her blue eyes and her parted lips. She looked at him in utter dismay. No longer was he the debonair favorite of the high school. In his somber eyes, his thin, cold lips, his tense shoulders the young girl saw the savage. But she knew the tale was true.

"She molested her dry lips. 'But what can I do, Charlie? I'm only a girl.'"

"I'll tell you what you can do. You can throw down your murderer friend and side with me. You can get everyone you know to side with me. And Lydia, never tell Levine, or anyone else, what you know about him. It wouldn't be safe!"

"He leaned toward her as he spoke and Lydia shivered. 'I won't,' she



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whispered. Then she said aloud in sudden resentment. "But I'm not going to throw Mr. Levine down without his having a chance to explain. Who are you to think you've got a right to ask me? I'm just a girl. I want to be happy just a little while before I grow up. I've had too much unhappiness."

"Yes, you have had," agreed Charlie, grimly, "and that's why you will think about it in spite of yourself. You understand how I feel because you've suffered. When are you going to throw Levine down?"

Lydia's face whitened. "Never!" she said.

"What! When you know he's a murderer?"

"He never intended to kill your father. Anyhow, I can't help what he's done. He's like my own father and brother and mother all in one to me."

The two young people sat looking into each other's eyes. Suddenly Charlie threw Lydia's hand from him, and like Billy Norton, he strode down the path and out of the gate without a word.

Lydia did not appear at the cottage for several days. During that time Lydia tried to put Charlie's story out of her mind.

When John did come out she avoided talking to him and he caught her several times looking at him with a sad and pained expression. When they started on their usual Sunday walk, Amos went back to the house and Lydia and John went alone.

"Out with it, young Lydia! Been hearing more stories about my wickedness?"

Lydia nodded, miserably.

"My dear," Levine said quietly, "this is a man's game. I'm playing a rough and tumble, catch-as-catch-can fight. In it the weak must fall and maybe die. But out of it great good will come to this community. As long as the Indians are here to exploit, this community will be demoralized. I'm carrying every means, fair or foul, to carry my purpose. Can't you let it go at that?"

Lydia said, "Yes, I can, and I will," she said, as her father sawed at the cane.

And though this was more easily said than done and the thought of murdered chiefs and starved babies troubled her occasionally, she did not really worry over it all as much as she might have were she not entering her senior year in the high school.

After the Christmas holidays Mary Norton, who lived on an eastern fishing school, the night after her departure, sent Lydia her first call on Lydia in many months. The two withdrew to the kitchen to make candy and there Lydia's surprise and pleasure gave way to suspicion. Kent seemed to want to talk for the most part about Margery.

"Hush! she's grown to be a beauty?" he said, breathing the fudge briskly.

"She always was beautiful," replied Lydia, though she had an awful suspicion she never reads anything, and she flunked all her Thanksgiving examinations.

"Anybody as pretty as Margery doesn't need to be brilliant," said Kent.

"And she spoons, and you don't think much of girls that spoon," Lydia's cheeks were a deeper pink than usual.

"Shucks, don't be catty, Lydia!" growled Kent.

Kent called several times during the winter, but he never asked Lydia to go to a party nor did any of the other boys with whom she chatted over lessons, who told her their secrets, who treated her as a mental equal, yet never asked her to call, or slipped boxes of candy into her desk or asked her into a drug store for a sundae or a hot chocolate.

Nobody resented this state of affairs more than old Lizzie. After Kent's third or fourth call, she said to Lydia, closing the door behind him, "Yes, Kent'll come out here and see you, but I notice he don't take you anywhere. If you had fine party clothes and lived on Lake Shore avenue, he'd be bowing and scraping fast enough."

Lydia tossed her head. "I don't care about going to parties."

"You do, too," insisted the old lady. "You're eating your heart out. I know. I was young once."

Amos looked up from his paper. "Lydia's too young to go if they did ask her. But why don't they ask?"

"It's because I'm too poor and I live so far out and I don't spoon," answered Lydia. "I don't care, I tell you."

And just to prove that she didn't care, Lydia bowed her face in her hands and began to cry.

A look of real pain crossed Amos' face. He got up hastily and went to Lydia's side.

"Why, my little girl, I thought you were perfectly happy this year. And your clothes look nice to me." He smoothed Lydia's bright hair with his work-worn hand. "I tell you, I'll borrow some money, by heck, and get you some clothes!"

Lydia raised a startled face. "No! No! I'd rather go in rags than borrow money. We're almost out of

and now, and we'll stay out. Don't borrow, daddy," her voice rising hysterically. "Don't borrow!"

"All right, dearie, all right!" said Amos.

The matter was not mentioned again directly. But the little scene asked with Amos a week or so later he said at supper, "Lydia, I'm thinking seriously of moving. I can borrow enough money, I find, to add to the rent we're paying to rent the old stone house next to Miss Towne's. My idea is to move there just till you finish college. Then we'll go out on a farm. But it'll give you your chance, Lydia."

Lydia hesitated. To move into the house next the Townes would be to arrive, to enter the inner circle, to cease to be a dower. But she looked about the familiar rooms.

"Daddy," she said, "would you really want to leave this cottage?"

"I'd just as soon," replied Amos. "Most places are alike to me since your mother's death. I could stand doing without the garden; if I had the farm to look forward to."

"How'd we pay the money back?" asked Lydia.

"After the Levine bill passes," said Amos. "I'll have a section of pines. I'll instantly Lydia's sleeping-land hunger wake and with it the memory of Charlie's tale. She sat in deep thought."

"Daddy," she said, finally, "we're not going to borrow, and we're not going to move again. What's the use of trying to make a splurge with borrowed money?"

"All right," said Amos, reluctantly. "But remember, you've had your chance and don't feel abused about your poverty."

"I won't," replied Lydia, obediently. And to her own surprise, she did feel less bitter about her meager, home-made clothing. She had had a chance to improve it and had resisted the temptation.

Late in March the valedictorian and salutatorian of the class were chosen. The custom was for the teachers to select the ten names that had stood highest for scholarship during the entire four years, and to submit these to the pupils of the class, who by popular vote elected from these the valedictorian and the salutatorian.

To her joy and surprise, Lydia's name was one of the ten names. So were Olga's and Kent's.

The day on which the election took place was cold and rainy. Amos, plodding home for supper, was astonished to see Lydia flying toward him through the mud a full quarter of a mile from home.

"Daddy," she cried, "they elected me valedictorian. They did! They did! Olga got four votes and Maude Aldrich ten and I got sixty-six. Daddy! And Maude wasn't cross but Olga was. Oh, isn't it wonderful?"

Lydia's face was radiant. "My little Lydia! Scholarship and popular vote! I wish your mother was here. I'll write to Levine tonight. He'll have to be here for the exercises."

"And Kent is salutatorian. He won by just two votes. I've got to begin to plan about my dress."

"Now, I'm going to buy that dress, Lydia. If I have to borrow money, you aren't going to begin any talk about earning it."

"Oh, all right," said Lydia, hastily. "You won't have to borrow. White goods is always cheap and I'll get it right away so I can put lots of hard work on it."

"What's your speech going to be about?" asked Amos, as they turned in the gate.

"I haven't had time to think about that. I'll plan it all out while I'm sewing."

Billy did not congratulate Lydia. He passed her just as he had during all the months with a curt little "Hello." To tell the truth, Lydia was heartily ashamed of herself for her shabby reception of Billy's plea.

She knew she had been unkind and she missed the desultory companionship she had had with Billy.

"The preparation of the dress went on amazingly well. The speechmaking was less simple. As was customary, Lydia chose the class motto, "Duct Amor Patriae," for her subject and sweated inordinately to find something to say. She complained bitterly because during the four years at high school nothing at all was taught about love of country, or patriotism, or anything that would make the motto suggestive.

Amos answered her plaint indignantly. "Well, for heaven's sake! And you a descendant of the Puritans! Lord, what's become of the old stock. No, I won't help you at all. Think it out for yourself."

And think it out Lydia did, sitting on the front steps with her sewing and listening to the sighing of the pine by the gate.

There was but one flaw in Lydia's happiness. Nobody asked her to attend the senior ball that was to take place on graduation night. To be sure, it was not an invitation affair. The class was supposed to attend in a body, but there was, nevertheless, the usual two-ing and only a very few of the girls who had no invitation from boys would go. Lydia, herself, would have cut off her hand rather than appear at her own senior ball without a young man.

Mortified and unhappy, she avoided her mates during the last week of school, fearing the inevitable question, "Who is going to take you, Lydia?"

The tenth dawned a lovely June day. The exercises began at ten and by half-past eight Lydia was buttoned into her pretty little organdie. Lizzie was puffing in her black alpaca

and Amos was standing about in his black Sunday suit, which dated back to his early married days. By nine-thirty they had reached the Methodist church and Amos and Lizzie were established in the middle of the front row of the balcony, while Lydia was shimmering with fright in the choir-room, where the class was gathered.

Somebody began to play the organ and somebody else, who looked like Miss Towne, shined Lydia toward the door and she led the long line of her mates into the front pews. A college professor spoke at length, then Kent appeared on the platform.

Good old Kent, even if he wouldn't take Lydia to parties! Kent, with his black eyes and hair, his ruddy skin and broad shoulders, was good to look on and was giving his speech easily

and well, but Lydia was seeing him in a red bathing suit as he hung Florence Dombey from a yard arm of the willow. What a dear he had been! Now it all was different. They were grown up.

This day marked their "rowing up and Kent didn't want to take her to parties."

Kent bowed and took his seat. The quartette sang and somebody pruned Lydia smartly in the back. She made her way up to the platform and began to speak automatically.

Amos with tight-clothed fists and Lizzie with her lips a thin seam of nervous compression, were swelled with vanity and torn with fear lest she forget her lines.

But John Levine, who had dashed in late and stood unnoticed in the crowd under the gallery, listened intently, while he yearned over Lydia's immature beauty like a mother.

"And so," she ended, "when we say good-by, you all must remember that we go out into the world resolved to live up to our motto. That we believe with our forefathers that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed. That all men are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And that because the New England people in the Middle West are far from the cradle of liberty where these ideas were born, living among foreigners it behooves the members of our class to carry our motto leads us, and so farewell!"

It was a foolish, sentimental little speech with one or two real thoughts in it and John Levine smiled, even while the tears filled his eyes. He told himself that no one, least of all probably Lydia herself, realized the typical application of the class motto to take "G" conditions.

The diplomas were distributed. The great morning was over.

After dinner Amos rushed back to the factory. Lydia, having the graduation gown away in her closet and she

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MORTGAGE SALE
Default having been made in the payments of a certain mortgage executed by Arnold Johnson and Gladys O. Johnson, to Frank Goblet, dated May 3, 1922, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Michigan, on May 4, 1922 in Liber H. of mortgages on page 348. On which mortgage there is now due for principal, interest and taxes the sum of \$343.15 and attorney fees, and no suit or proceedings having been instituted at law or in equity to recover the debt now due on said mortgage or any part thereof. Therefore, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises hereinafter described by reason of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, which sale will be at public auction at the front door of the court house in the village of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, (that being the place where the circuit court for said county is held), on the 18th day of December, 1926, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, which premises are described in said mortgage as follows: The north half of lot twelve and the north half of lot thirteen, both in block one of Martha M. Brink's second addition to the village of Grayling, in the village of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan. Dated September 22nd, 1926.

FRANK GOBLET,
Mortgagee.

MERLE F. NELLIST,
Attorney for Mortgagee,
Grayling, Michigan. 9-23-13

STATE OF MICHIGAN
The Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, in Chancery.
Marie Hinkley, plaintiff vs. Allen Hinkley, defendant.

Suit pending in the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, in Chancery, on October 8th, 1926.

It is satisfactorily appearing to this Court by affidavit on file that the whereabouts of the defendant, Allen Hinkley, is unknown. On motion of Merle F. Nellist, attorney for plaintiff, it is ordered that the said defendant, Allen Hinkley, cause his appearance to be entered in this cause within three months from the date of this order, and in case of his appearance that he cause his answer to the plaintiff's bill of complaint to be filed and a copy thereof to be served upon the plaintiff's attorney within twenty days after service on him of a copy of said bill, and notice of this order, and that in default thereof said bill be taken as confessed by said defendant.

And it is further ordered that within twenty days after the date hereof, the said plaintiff cause this order to be published in the Crawford Avalanche, a newspaper printed, published and circulated in said County of Crawford, and that such publication be continued once in each week for six successive weeks, or that she cause a copy of this order to be served personally on said defendant at least twenty days before the time above described for his appearance. Dated October 8th, 1926.

GUY E. SMITH,
Circuit Judge.

MERLE F. NELLIST,
Attorney for Plaintiff,
Grayling, Michigan. 10-28-6

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Assignee of Mortgage.

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At this time of Thanksgiving we want to thank the people of Grayling and vicinity for their patronage during the past year.

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LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1926

The new Easy Washer—a labor-saving device—an excellent gift.

Grayling Electric Co. Mrs. Lily Wells, of Detroit, arrived in this city Monday afternoon to visit her friend Mrs. Sara Hilton of Gaylord, who is a patient at Mercy hospital, and while in the city, she will visit Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McKinley.

Postmaster M. A. Bates and son, Lieut. Russell E. Bates, are leaving today for Lansing for a couple of days visit, after which they will go to Chicago to attend the Army-Navy football game.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bissonette, deer hunters are profiting by the dropping snow and many a fine buck is falling into their bags.

Mrs. C. L. Smith returned home Sunday morning from a business trip to Kalamazoo being gone one week.

Electric appliances are modern and appropriate gifts. See them on display at Grayling Electric show room.

Don't miss the operetta to be given by the school children under the direction of Miss Marian Salling at the school auditorium, Wednesday evening, Dec. 1st.

The L. N. L. will hold their election of officers at their next regular meeting, Wednesday evening, Dec. 1, at the Legion hall. All members are requested to be present.

Vague stories are rife about certain State officials being arrested for violation of the Deer law. We hope to have the facts in the matter definitely determined in time for publication next week.

The Methodist Protestant church members of Frederic will give a play entitled "Fun on the Podunk Limited" at the Frederic high school auditorium, Friday evening, Dec. 3. Admission adults 35c, children 20c.

Dance tonight at Temple theatre to music by Schram's Ramblers.

Watch for the big Anniversary offering for December at Grayling Electric Co.

Jake Burnham filled his deer license first of the week with a 150 pound buck.

Misses Eleanor Schumann and Beatrice Cottle drove to Alma Friday to spend a couple of days with Miss Kristine Salling.

Buy World's Star hosiery and "Klean Knit" underwear. Special prices now. Mrs. Jas. McDonnell, local representative.

Mrs. George M. Collin is one of the Grayling ladies to buy a buck this season. She used a shot gun and dropped the animal the first shot.

Fred Francis, Court Yeager and Martis Schloski of Pinconning enjoyed hunting deer here a few days last week, visiting at the home of the former's cousin, Mrs. David Montour.

The Grayling Greenhouses have a fine lot of cabbage and carrots, just as fresh as when they were harvested—tender and crisp. Phone 444 if you care for any of these. Reasonable prices.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Giegling and Miss Swinton and Miss Supernau entertained the teachers at the Giegling home Tuesday evening, with bridge, refreshments and Miss Winnie Schell held the high score.

Richly packaged in purple and gold—the superior line of toilet requisites—by the laboratories of Parke, Davis & Co., at Detroit. Buy two items and get one free at Central Drug Store. Don't get left!

Schram's Ramblers invite you to a dancing party tonight (Thursday) at Temple theatre to celebrate Thanksgiving. The music will be good and you are assured of a pleasant evening if you attend. Bill \$1.00; extra lady 25c.

Mrs. Charles Tromble was hostess to the members of the Bridge club on Saturday at a very delightful luncheon. It was the first afternoon party for the ladies and very much enjoyed. Mrs. A. E. Mason won the prize. Miss Lucille Hanson was a guest.

Benjamin Jerome of Lansing was struck by an auto in Detroit Friday evening and severely injured. He was rushed to Receiving hospital where he was unconscious for several hours. He is now at his home in Lansing, where he is getting along very well and will probably be about again soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Taber of Albion and Mr. Clyde Sanders of Lansing were guests at Shoppemagons Inn several days last week, the gentlemen enjoying deer hunting. Mr. Sanders is employed by the state military department and comes to Grayling each summer with the office force of that department during the time the Michigan National guard encamp here.

The primary department of the Michigan Memorial Sunday school is sending out invitations to fathers and mothers and friends of the children. They are to be their guests next Sunday, Nov. 28 at 12:00 o'clock. The object is for the parents to observe the regular work of the children and to become better acquainted with the teachers and superintendent.

Two men, age about 65 years each, seemed to have trouble in steering their boat coming into town on the Fish Hatchery bridge Tuesday forenoon. They zig-zagged along the highway, and finally after taking out a tow iron posts fouled down the bank at the hatchery, somewhat smothering their car. One man was hurt in the snout but the car was righted up by the assistance of Mr. Zalsman and his crew, and with part of the steering wheel gone and only a couple of spokes left, they started merrily on their way toward their home in Lapeer.

A severe eastern storm with heavy wet snow caused much damage to electric and telephone lines at Cheboygan last week. The power lines coming to Gaylord and Grayling were damaged by the high winds and falling branches and trees.

We wish to correct a statement made in regard to the banquet held by the county officers in which we gave Mrs. Bobenmeyer credit for the fine dinner served. Mrs. Edwards says that it was she who did the cooking, and we wish to congratulate her upon its excellence.

Mrs. Mary Mead-Smith who for the last two years has been west to the Pacific coast visiting relatives in California, Oregon and Washington, was in Gaylord last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Shipp. Saturday she came down to Grayling for a couple of days visit with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McKinley, and Monday departed for East Tawas to visit her daughter, Bertha and son-in-law, Harry T. Glezen.

Visitors to the International Live Stock exposition in Chicago November 27th to December 4th will find many events of interest occurring continuously from early morning until late at night every day of the exhibition. There will be on display 11,000 cattle, horses, sheep and swine and 5,000 samples of grains, small seeds and hay. In the various buildings will be found Federal and State educational exhibits, a meat champion products of junior club work activities. Each night a brilliant entertainment will be staged in the amphitheatre and in the surrounding buildings agricultural organizations will hold numerous meetings.

The funeral of Andrew Mortenson, who passed away at his farm home—Beechwood Farm—Tuesday, November 16th, was held Friday with brief services at the home and at the Michigan Memorial church in Grayling at 2:00 o'clock P. M. There was a large congregation of Beaver Creek and Grayling friends in attendance. Rev. J. Herman Baughn conducted the service. Interment was in Elmwood cemetery. Those from out of town who came to be in attendance at the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mortenson, Mr. Hans Christenson, Mr. and Mrs. Axel Christenson, Miss Edna Taylor and Mrs. Sam Gassley, Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hanna, Traverse City.

To those who sent things to the Salvage shop would like to have you know that two families, one without father, and one family whose father has tuberculosis and is sick in bed, were fitted for school. One family has five children and the other four small children. No charge was made. There is no better way to get rid of articles which you have no use for, as they can be made into warm clothes for children. Anyone having any quilt patches or old trousers or heavy worsted pieces we will be glad to have them, as they make good warm quilts and may be given for Christmas gifts. We have some on our list without mothers, who need these things made for them, also some mothers who cannot sew.

Farmington spent the week end in Lansing and Detroit.

Harold Buck and Jack Mackie of Cadillac spent Sunday in Grayling.

Mrs. Oscar Smock of Frederic is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Leo Gannon.

Mrs. Signa Rasmussen has been home from the Sorenson Bros. store because of illness.

Grayling Chapter O. E. S. No. 83 will hold their regular meeting Wednesday evening, Dec. 1st.

Drop in and see the new Fanchon toilet goods. We have them, Central Drug Store.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Michigan Memorial church will hold a fancy work and apron sale the second week in December. A light lunch will be served.

The L. J. Kraus Estate hardware is putting on a special sale for Saturday that should attract every household in the County. And all so all stock in the store has been marked down from 10 to 50 per cent from the former prices.

A small blaze occurred in the poultry dressing room of the Burrow's market Tuesday at about noon, resulting in damage amounting to about \$300.00. The Chemical engine of the Fire department had no trouble in putting it out. The loss is covered by insurance.

Mrs. Ann Shepherd has sold her summer home on the south branch of the AuSable to William Bee of Detroit. Mrs. Shepherd has had her cottage on that beautiful stream for about 25 years, where she has spent many pleasant summers. She has many friends in Grayling and among our summer residents who will be sorry to lose her as one of our regular summer visitors. Her home is in Detroit.

The Board of Trade held their annual meeting and election of directors Tuesday night. The directors elected are: T. P. Peterson, Marius Hanson, R. H. Gillett, C. J. McNamara and W. W. Lewis. These with those holding over for another year, will constitute the Board of directors for the ensuing year. Next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock the Board will meet at which time they will elect a president and vice president and appoint a secretary-treasurer.

Road Commissioner Ralph Hanna reports that the State department are sending a 3 1/2 ton White truck with V shaped snow-plow which is to be stationed here for use for early snows. Also 1 1/4 miles of snow-fence has been provided for use along M-14, which will aid materially against drifting snows. A new Chevrolet coach has been provided by the State Highway department for the use of Mr. Hanna in getting to and from his highway labors.

In this issue of the Avalanche appears a table certifying the valuations of each county in Michigan. This shows the figures as provided by boards of supervisors for the year 1925 and is a most interesting document. The State Board of Equalization and the aggregate valuation as equalized by the State Board. It also shows the percentage of State tax. The amounts are very interesting to those concerned about taxes. The report is published in accordance with the State statutes.

Winter is the time when communicable diseases are prevalent, especially among the school children, where they can so easily catch diseases from each other. For this reason the school is again offering toxin-antitoxin, the preventive measure against diphtheria. Three treatments establishes an immunity for a life-time against the disease, that has in the past been so very destructive. Children are peculiarly susceptible to that disease, especially the very small ones. Therefore the school is offering to give the course of treatment to all pre-school children above the age of six months whose parents wish them to have it at the same time that the school children do.

Frank Dreese, for many years a five-wire merchant of this city, will close his place of business next Saturday night. For several weeks he has been reducing his stock of ready-to-wear apparel and dry goods until he is pretty well sold out. There are some things yet on hand and he particularly asks his friends to grab off these last day bargains. Mr. Dreese has been a good merchant and a good citizen. He has pushed after business and been the means of bringing many a dollar into the community that might otherwise have gone to other cities or mail-order houses. He has always attended to business and tried earnestly to please the public. He is not a lodge man, but he is affiliated with the Michigan Memorial church and been a regular attendant. He will devote his time to the purchase and sale of bankrupt stocks of which he says there are many about the state. We wish him success in his new activities.

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Grayling, Michigan

Phone 1251

Miss Elizabeth Matson spent the week end in Lansing and Detroit.

To complete your laundry, have it done by the laundry ball.

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Announcement

To my many friends and customers:

Saturday, Nov. 27th

will be my last day selling goods in Grayling. Don't miss it, as I am sure going to hand you something. Come join the throng and smile. It will be worth your while, as on Friday and Saturday evenings the remainder of my stock must be disposed of.

I have yet for sale some household goods, Dressers, Commode, Beds, Mattresses, Springs, Bureau with plate mirror, a few Chairs and a big comfortable leather seated Rocker.

Take Notice:

ALL PARTIES OWING ME are kindly requested to call and make settlement of their account. A number have already done so. This is the third time I have come among you in a business way, and I thank you one and all for patronage bestowed.

Yours to be remembered,
Frank Dreese

COMING!

TEMPLE THEATRE, Grayling

November 29

READE'S
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Michigan Happenings

Building statistics for the city of Detroit during the first 10 months of the year have reached the record figure of \$157,580,306, or \$5,361,711 more construction than during the same period of 1937. Detroit's record building year. The 10-month total for 1937 was \$152,218,596. Building experts predict that construction during the next two months will bring the yearly building total close to \$190,000,000 or nearly \$10,000,000 in excess of the preceding year.

Many important construction contracts which will greatly increase the railroad facilities in the Detroit district and will speed up the transportation of inbound and outbound freight, are being completed by nine of the leading roads, according to a recent local survey. Approximately \$25,000,000 will be spent before the year is ended in the Detroit area, which includes such centers as Flint, Pontiac, Jackson and Lansing.

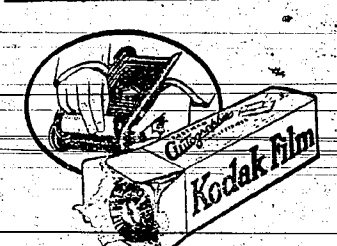
As a result of the recent general elections, Michigan's state officers after January 1 will be: Governor—Fred W. Green, Ionia; Lieutenant Governor, Luren D. Dickinson, Charlotte; secretary of state, John S. Haggerty, Detroit; attorney-general, William W. Potter, Hastings; state treasurer, Frank D. McKay, Grand Rapids; auditor-general, Oramel B. Fuller, Ford River; justice of the supreme court, Ernest A. Snow, Saginaw. McKay, Fuller and Snow are incumbents.

The city of Ionia registered nearly a two to one vote in favor of Eastern Standard time in the recent election. The council will abide by the vote of the people and not take any action on changing the time, which is now Eastern Standard time.

Reorganization of the Northeastern Michigan Fair association, at Bay City, virtually is assured by the appointment of the annual meeting recently, of a committee to revise the by-laws and nominate officers for the ensuing year to put the fair on a paying basis.

Governor-elect Fred W. Green, had to travel more than 30,000 miles in the six months that his campaign lasted. This was traveled at a rate that few other candidates for public office in Michigan have ever attempted.

Olivet College boasts the most unenviable record in state college circles. The school has not won a football game in two years and has scored but 18 points in that time.



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PEOPLE who call on the inmates of furnished rooms either wait in the hall while the footstep that brought the means of ingress go upstairs and become responsible for knocks somewhere in the darkness, or go downstairs into oblivion, leaving the caller to a personality conducted tour of exploration for the discovery of "two flights up;—the door."

The top floor at Mrs. Cawthorne's was an exception to furnished room rules, for two of the doors stood wide open all day. The one in front, facing north, disclosed a tiny, desolate room containing a narrow iron bed, a chair, a bureau furnished with meager toilet fittings, a trunk, and a corner curtained off for a wardrobe.

The door opposite disclosed an entirely different interior. In one window a bird in a brass cage sang above



blooming plants and in the other an old lady sat in a rocking chair, when she was not peering out into the hall, or leaning over the banisters, or trotting about on visits.

Every morning precisely at 7:45 the door of the north room opened and a little, weakened shabby old man pulled the corner of the trunk forward to keep it so. Then he hung a very small empty aluminum milk can on his wrist, but its cover in his pocket, took up a neatly tied package of refuse and went away.

Mrs. Bascomb got his story from the servant the morning she arrived and found him a case after her own heart. He was Amos Blinks; he had lived in that room for ten years.

Christmas drew near and she was very busy making presents and planning surprises and treats among her multitudinous friends; but every time she passed Blinks' door her heart ached for him, and so the days passed and it was Christmas Eve.

She had been out shopping all morning; her arms were full of bundles and her heart of plans; but she glanced, as she always did, at Blinks' door, and what she saw there brought her down about her neck. Poor old man, poor old man! On the miserable bureau, among the meager toilet things, there stood a Christmas tree, a very small one, and as desolate and bare

as the room, the poor, proud old creature had Christmas in his heart. She would give him a surprise.

She selected the choicest of her purchases and laid them gayly tied with red ribbons and bits of holly, on the foot of his bed. She hung the stark little tree with bags of candy and all sorts of jolly trinkets, chuckling over his surprise and delight as she departed to replenish her stock for tomorrow's festivities. He would never know. Bless him!

That morning as he was going out the little woman with three children had popped her head out of the front parlor door and asked if she might leave her Christmas tree in his room so the children would not see it.

"It's the last place in the world anyone would look to find a Christmas tree," she said.

Blinks had borrowed three pounds of sugar from her when he had a cold and he had worried about having to buy a whole half pound to return it. "This would cancel the obligation."

"If you don't make any mess," he said sourly and went out.

He had forgotten all about the tree when he returned that evening and he was even more than usually dry and bitter, for he could not avoid giving presents to the children of his partner and the janitor of the office building. It was one of the penalties of wealth. Thank goodness, no one at the rooming house had the ghost of an idea that he wasn't poor Amos Blinks, although he was Amos Blinks, the millionaire.

He stopped in the doorway of his room in a paralysis of amazement when he saw the tree and the presents and then a smile infinitely shy and sneering broke over his face. He glanced at Mrs. Bascomb's door; it was closed, but he understood and chuckled. He heard steps coming stealthily upstairs, the little woman coming for the tree. He stripped it of its decorations with hasty fingers and carried it out to her.

"It's in my way," he said testily. The day after Christmas he deposited to his own credit at the bank \$6.50 which he had intended to spend on Christmas presents until Mrs. Bascomb gave him enough to go round, and keep a nice warm pair of socks for himself.

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Unlimited Benevolence.
We have no pleasure in thinking of a benevolence that is only measured by its works. Love is inexhaustible and, if its estate is wasted, its granary emptied, still cheers and enriches, and the man, though he sleep, seems to purify the air and his house to adorn the landscape and strengthen the laws.—Emerson.

Now that the election is over it is time to commence to talk about doing our Christmas shopping early.

Mozambique



Group of Kafir Mothers.

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.)

A COUNTRY as big as the Atlantic states from Florida to New York, with the capital near the southern boundary and half a dozen smaller towns scattered along the coast; more than 3,000,000 inhabitants, of which only about 1 per cent are whites; one of the oldest of all European possessions and one of the richest in agricultural possibilities, at least, but one of the least known countries in the world. Such is Mozambique, most valuable colony of Portugal.

Four or five good ports and as many bad ones, five towns and a small but up-to-date capital city, and a generous number of military posts and outposts, a few of which are in the real interior; millions of acres of the finest alluvial soil fairly aching to show the farmer what big crops may be grown; waterways like the Zambezi, the Limpopo, and plenty of smaller ones to allow cheap handling of products; no deserts, no salt sinks, no large swamps, no mountainous wastes, no impenetrable jungles; out of some twenty only one or two tribes that object seriously to paying taxes to the government, now that they realize that the tax collector is a vital organ of the white tribe, which objects to any one tribe exterminating another in the good old way; for, wicked as a bush policeman tries to be, he must needs fall short of the unrestrained chief—Hindus.

The early history of this strange section of East Africa should not be, even if it could be, written. We know the old-time black was as bad as a barbarian can be, and the endless tale of persistent, widespread, and continuous hachery would not be good to read.

Yet the ethnologist may well listen to the half legend, half true stories of the clans, tribes, and races that have been lost forever. No pottery, no carvings, no ruins, will remain after a few more years; only language traces for the scholars sometimes spared a few of the comeliest maidens and father-to-son oral history.

To ride over the site of a native village which probably held a thousand huts less than thirty years ago, to note the bits of charcoal, pieces of clay bowls, bones, and the few ominous breaks in the heavy ten-foot stockade fence made of hardwood logs set upright close together, forcibly reminds one of the wretched people, tired of fighting, who sought to gain respite by erecting a barrier that no foe could burn or climb over, only to perish some hot, red day amid the frightful "oogh-sh" cries of the enemy as their dripping assegais were thrust through and through the dying and dead.

Salt Lakes Saved the Kafirs.
The Zulus have had for centuries a superstitious fear of salt water, and so, when Chaka, Dingaan, and their brother fiends had devastated practically all the country between Zulu-land and Inhambane, wiping out kraals and even whole tribes by scores; they came to a long chain of lakes (the lower Inharrime) parallel with the coast, and there they stopped, thus saving one tribe of true, pure-blood Kafirs who had fled over onto the dunes and low, bushy hills between the "rosary" of brackish lagoons and the Indian ocean. This tribe, the M'chopis, is the purest, if not the only un-mixed Kafir tribe now in existence.

Most interesting are the batuque or "balls" of this tribe. Sometimes as many as 3,000 fine specimens, mostly adults participate. To describe the death chants, the thrilling wails, the "expression" dances of both men and women, and rites and divination ceremonies of the witch doctors would require much space. Many of these things cannot be seen by strange white men unless in company with the commandante.

At Inharrime, near Inhambane, the traveler may sometimes see grand batuques take place with Landimbas, M'chopis, and Biltongas. For such a dance 200 native "pianos" keep up an incessant din for 36 hours. The "tunes" vary with the tribes. The Portuguese national air is executed fairly well by some of the bands, who have picked it up from obscure sources.

Each key of a marimba has suspended loosely beneath it a hollow gourd as a resonator. All but the smallest of these resonators have one or two apertures covered with the stretched membrane from a bat's

wing. The membrane itself is protected by an artificial rim of wax, and this membrane continues to vibrate for several seconds after all sound from the key and resonator has disappeared. All the notes from whatever style of marimba are in the minor scale.

Dancers Feign Death.
The warriors in the dance, who number 300 or more, constantly drop to their tracks and pretend to be slain with death. The witch doctor then passes around, sprinkling them with medicine, whereupon all gradually resume their places and the dance continues. This dance is said to be as old as the tribe, which is probably the oldest Kafir tribe in East Africa. Their language is quite distinguished from that of any neighboring Kafir tribe, and many of their customs are also peculiar. About 25,000 individuals are now in existence. They have the best "shambus" and take the most interest in agriculture of any known native tribe in East Africa.

The young girls' dance of the M'chopis tribe requires several years' practice before the difficult poses and contortions can be successfully performed. Ankles rattles are worn by the girls. These hollow spindles are made of palm-leaf or grass, if not young gourd fruits, and are partially filled with large beads, pebbles, etc.

The noise of these ankles rattles is supposed to assist in keeping time in the dance. This is probably a Zulu custom.

Mozambique still has big game. On the Zambezi and many other streams the traveler encounters herds of hippos. Since the natives are not supposed to have guns of any sort, and since relatively few devastating tourists hunt them, these uncouth monsters may endure a few years longer.

There are usually to be seen one or two pairs in the Inkomati river, some three hours from Lourenco Marques, the capital. Feet a foot across and a body as wide as a wagon—no wonder the poor native sits up nights beside his cornfield when he hears the ominous "wo-ur" of an old tramp bull in the neighborhood.

Lions still take their toll of human life in some sections, even attacking native kraals and carrying off children and adults. It is quite impossible to hunt these man-eaters on account of the tall, rank grass (four to six feet high), and, since they will learn that two or three cuffs will make a big hole in the side of an ordinary hut, the poor native must foot high or die.

Rich Farming Land.
In the Zambezia district there has been spent a large amount of money in agricultural experiments, and, though the results are not encouraging thus far, it is no fault of the land. It would be hard to find soils quite so rich, apparently, in either temperate or tropical America as are to be found in the Zambezi, Limpopo, and Inkomati valleys. The colonization laws are pronounced excellent, even by English colonists. They are automatic—just to the government, to the colonist, and to the natives. And it seems to be agreed by men who know that in few other places in Africa is the native question so well managed as in Mozambique. But it is a very big and deep and difficult question.

There has been a marked economic change in Mozambique during the past generation. Instead of paying for a wife with cattle, as formerly, before the terrible ravages of rinderpest and "East Coast" fever, sterling gold, \$10 to \$25, must now be cashed down to the father before the union is legal or the bride enters the new hut. Many of the young men from Gazaland and Inhambane have, therefore, gone on contract for a year or more to British South Africa in order to obtain ready money to pay their hut taxes and to invest in one or perhaps two wives. The gold and diamond mines of the Rand attract most of those laborers. Unfortunately they return from their brief contacts with civilization bringing disease, discontent, and bad morals as well as cash.

With diseases which practically preclude the breeding of all domestic animals but the pig, it is no wonder that the rich lands of Mozambique are so very little cultivated. But the steam plow has put in its appearance and before many years the country should be a happy harvesting ground for planters.

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Health Talk

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He is a workman in a factory employing some five thousand men, and while he does not know personally all of the five thousand his particular job brings him in contact with many men. A few he knows well, many he knows slightly. He said, "I am the only man that I know in the whole shop, as far as I know it who is not taking pills every night. Everyone of the fellows is forever taking pills. They have a vast scorn for anything that goes under the name of healthful diet, but they'll take anything that goes under the name of medicine. It is a crime too. All kinds of fakirs come down to the shop, stand around at noon and they can sell the fellows anything. I've seen some of the boys, fellows working for forty or forty-five cents an hour, pay ten or fifteen dollars for some remedy that was no good on earth or worse than no good." "No," in reply to a question, "I never try to tell them anything. It wouldn't do them any good. I am one of them so they don't respect my opinion anyhow. But it is a shame the way they are forever dosing themselves and the way they are cheated too."

What that workman said was only too true. Because America is a nation of readers, and because the vendors of fake remedies write such glowing accounts of the curative properties of what they have to sell. Many readers believe these accounts, they wish to believe them; they wish to feel well, and it is easier to swallow a pill, than it is to exercise self control, eat the food that makes us

well. However, though the pill may be the easy way today, there may come a tomorrow when it will prove to be the hard way. When more and more pills must be taken to secure any results, and when because of the long habit of dosing, the entire digestive system has become deranged. The moral of which is, watch yourself, to see what foods are best for you personally, eat plenty of vegetables, besides potatoes, plenty of fruit, drink plenty of water, at least six glasses a day, and plenty of milk. Eat right, work right, play right, and sleep right, and a long useful life will be yours.

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Page Nicodemus
Aunt Melinda, who does the cooking for a Dorchester family, had just been told that Ham, the son of Noah, was the founder of the negro race. The old negro woman snorted disdainfully. "Taint so," she declared. "We all ain't scended from no Ham. We's scended from Nigger Demus." Boston Transcript.

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